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The Humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled.

Die Mercurii 12 Novembris, 1718.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

W E Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, do Return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and desire to Express to Your Majesty the true Sense this House has of Your Care in Preserving the Publick Peace, and the just Balance of Power of Europe; and of the tender Regard which Your Majesty has shewn for the Trade of Your Subjects.

The considerable Reduction of the Land-Forces, which Your Majesty has made at this Time, must fully Satisfie all Your Subjects, that you will never desire the Continuance of more Troops than what are absolutely Necessary for their Safety. In a most particular manner we Thank Your Majesty for having obtain'd such great and further Securitys of the Succession to these Kingdoms in Your

Royal Family, as will, under the Blessing of God, perpetuate the Protestant Succession Undisturb'd. We most heartily Congratulate Your Majesty upon the seasonable Success of Your Naval Forces; and beg Leave to Assure Your Majesty, That this House will, to the utmost of their Power, Stand by and Support Your Majesty in the Vigorous Pursuit of those Prudent and Necessary Measures Your Majesty has taken to Secure the Trade and Quiet of these Kingdoms, and the Tranquillity of Europe.

*His MAJESTIES most Gracious Answer.
My Lords,*

I Thank you for this Address, so full of Duty to Me, and Affection to your Country. I cant doubt but My Endeavours for the Happiness of My People, and the Tranquillity of Europe, will attain the Ends propos'd, when the Enemies to both shall see Me Supported therein by this House, with so much warmth and Zeal.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Commons to the KING.

May it please Your Majesty,

W E Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, do return our most sincere and unfeigned Thanks to Your Sacred Majesty for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and for the Many and Great Instances which you have been graciously pleas'd therein to give Your People, of Your constant Endeavours for their Security and Welfare.

It is with the greatest Pleasure that we have this Opportunity to Assure your Majesty, that we have Entire Satisfaction in those Measures which you have already taken for strengthening the Protestant Succession to the Crown of these Realms in Your Own Family, and for Establishing lasting Tranquillity in Europe, and particularly in relation to the Crown of Spain; and We are resolv'd on our Parts, to the utmost of our Power, and to enable your Majesty in Concurrence with Your Allies, not only to Resent the Injuries which that Crown has already done to the Commerce of these Kingdoms in Breach of the Trea-

ties subsisting between the two Nations, but will likewise Support Your Majesty in the most Vigorous and Effectual Manner, in such farther Measures as in Your great Wisdom You shall judge necessary to Compleat the Publick Tranquillity, and to Check the Growth of that Naval Power which must otherwise prove dangerous to the Trade of these Kingdoms, and the Repose of Europe.

We should be wanting in our Duty to Your Majesty, if we did not express, in the most affectionate Manner, the greatest Sense we have of that Instance of Your tender Concern for the Ease of your People, in the farther Reduction which You have made of Your Land-Forces: Which must be accepted by all Your good Subjects as the strongest Proof of Your Wisdom and Goodness.

We crave Leave to concur with Your Sacred Majesty, That Regard must always be had to the inviolable Preservation of the Publick Credit, for the Quiet and just Security of all those who have trusted to Parliamentary Engagements.

And do further assure Your Majesty, That we will, by our Conduct in this Important Juncture, give Your Majesty, and the whole World, all imaginable Proofs of our Zeal and inviolable Duty and Affection to Your Person and Government, and of our Love to our Country.

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